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1. On 14, 17 and 24 June, the tank unit located at Jaroslawiec (~~Jerashoft~~--P55/M69) and in the surrounding area conducted off-shore firing.¹ The firing always took place in the early morning. At each firing season, about forty shells were fired, out of which four to seven hit the targets. The tanks always fired singly, never several at a time. The targets, located at sea at a distance of two miles from the tanks, measured five by eight meters and were towed by landing craft.
2. The landing craft, the BD-5 and BD-6, came from Gdynia for these firing exercises and returned to the same port at the conclusion of the firing. Each craft had the following approximate dimensions:

Length	-	32 meters
Beam	-	9 meters
Freeboard	-	4 meters
Draft	-	1 meter

The craft have a speed of about twelve miles per hour or more, and they have a clumsy appearance. Their bows are broad, and are lowered and raised by means of steel cables fastened to an iron mast on which a pulley is mounted (see attached sketch). These vessels are former German landing craft which have undergone very few modifications. The Polish Navy has twelve landing craft; these are not stationed together, but are scattered about in all the Polish ports. At present, the craft carry no armament.

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1. Comment: An entire mechanized division, commanded by a Soviet general, is said to be located in the Jaroslawiec area.

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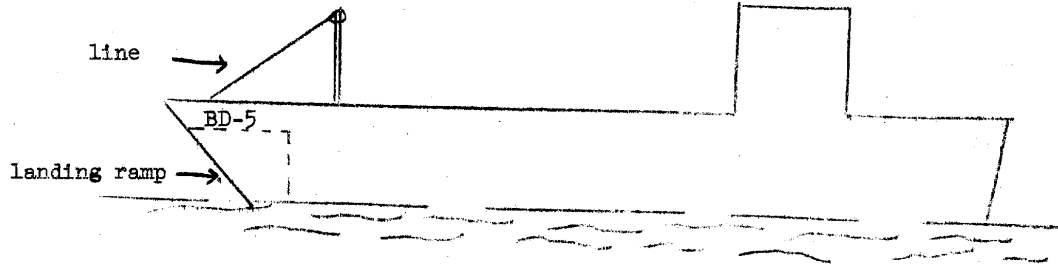
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Attachment

Sketch of Polish Landing Craft BD-5



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